Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee, during the visit of Guyana's President, Shri Bharrat Jagdeo to India. Sir, it was accepted long back during his visit. It is pending. There was a new item that there was a rift between the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Foreign Affairs on this matter, regarding. Sir, I would like to know whether it is a fact? If not, what is the status now?

SHRI RAO INDERJIT SINGH: Sir, there is a commitment that has been made; there is no rift. We will provide US$25 million to the Government of Guyana to construct this stadium and will start construction in February next year.

SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Sir, the World Cup is fast approaching; it would be held during 2007. A match was also awarded to this area by virtue of our commitment to that Government that we are going to build a stadium by 2007. But so far, no work has commenced, and as per the reply given by the hon. Minister, no money has been released so far.

Sir, we have to keep our word and we must try to improve our image outside India. Will the hon. Minister come up with a specific time schedule in this regard?

SHRI RAO INDERJIT SINGH: Sir, there is a time schedule that the cricket stadium would be constructed by 2006, and would be ready for the World Cup to be held in 2007. The first instalment will be released, as I have said, at the time of awarding the contract. The contract is likely to be awarded by the Government of Guyana in the early part of next year. Thereafter, we would start by releasing US $ 1.5 million and we would complete the whole project by 2006.

*132. [The questioner (SHRI R.S. GAVAI) was absent For answer *vide* page 45 infra.]

Illegal Telephone Exchanges in Delhi

*133. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Telecom had unearthed an illegal exchange in Delhi in the month of October, 2004;

(b) if so, its *modus operandi* and the loss incurred on this account to DoT; and

(c) the action taken against the culprit?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN): (a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

Illegal Telephone Exchanges in Delhi.

(a) Yes, Sir. One at Palam Village and other at East Patel Nagar, Delhi.

(b) The *modus operandi* in both the cases unearthed in month of October, 2004 is that the offender has setup an illegal telephone exchange using high-tech equipment and this set up was receiving incoming international calls *via* Internet and was further distributing these calls using local Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN)/Mobile/Wireless in Lcoal Loop (WLL) connectivity. Reliance and Airtel connections and Internet Leased Lines (ILL) of M/s Primenet Global and M/s Spectranet has been found used in these cases. National Loss occurred due to these two illegal exchanges is Rs.45,75,280/-

(c) FIR has been lodged in both the cases by Special Cell, Delhi Police. One person each, at both the premises have been arrested after the raid and all the equipment that has been used in these two illegal telephone exchanges seized.

SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Sir, with the permission of Dr, Subbarami Reddy, I would like to put my second question.

Sir, the hon. Minister has accepted the fact that there were two illegal telephone exchanges which were unearthed in Delhi. I would like to know from the hon. Minister as to how the Government proposes to recover the losses suffered by the Department, and whether it proposes to impose an exemplary fine so that it would serve as a warning to the people who indulge in such illegal activities?

SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN: Sir, we have taken action in this regard. A police complaint has been filed against these exchanges. We have taken necessary actions, in the past, for non-adherence of DoT directions, and I can also provide the list of people and agencies against whom we have taken action.

Sir, the action that our department takes is in two ways. First, we raid the premises, and if we find that he possesses an illegal exchange, it is seized and the culprit arrested. Then, we take action against the ISP license or any operator through whom the person is getting illegal transit into the country.

We have a simple method of finding out who the ISP provider is. Normally, in the Internet service, 'Upstream' is only 10 per cent and 'Downstream' is 90 per cent. But in most of the cases where such illegal traffic is taking place, the upstream and downstream is 50 per cent; they are equally balanced. We have also given instructions to the ISP providers to monitor and check such abnormalities in upstream and downstream figures.

Simultaneously, we also get the call records of the telephone companies which these persons are using to send the calls within the country. We have a simple way of finding this out. These calls are only outgoing calls and not incoming calls. Moreover, the pattern of outgoing calls is continuous, that is, the whole set up is only making outgoing calls, 24 hours.

So, we have taken action, and whenever we find any lapse, we try to take action against the culprits. We have also seized equipments, cancelled licenses, and we have charged penalties with whatever is the loss assessed by the Government.

SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Sir, I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether any enquiry has been ordered as to how, without the connivance of an internal employee, they could transfer international calls to the called party as local calls, while actually making international calls.

SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN: No, Sir, it is not possible with electronic exchanges. We have not received any complaints in this regard, and if we receive any specific complaint we would take action against him.

SHRI B.J. PANDA: Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the hon. Minister to the fact that the practice, which he has just spelt out, is actually considered legal in many countries. In that, ISPs are allowed to interconnect and provide phone services. Will the Government consider further relaxing the licensing norms in the coming years so that more competition can be allowed into this field to allow smaller operators and ISPs to also provide international phone calls?

SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN: At this moment, we have no such proposals. If there is any such proposal in the future, we may always change with the demand of the country and the demand of operators. At this moment, there are no such proposals.

SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: I just go back to the same question on which we started. The fact remains that in spite of monitoring mechanism you have, it has caused a loss of Rs.45 lakh. What the House will be interested to know irrespective of FIRs and other things is: how much of this money, in concrete terms, will you be able to recover, or, have you been able to get back? How much of this loss can be compensated? What is the amount that you have got back right now? What proposals have you in mind so that this financial loss can, at least, be compensated by those who have hurt?

SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN: i can give a list of all the actions which I have taken.... *(Interruptions)*...

SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: In concrete terms, how much money has been recovered out of the loss the country has suffered?.. *(Interruptions)*...

SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN: I am completing. Sir, the procedure is that we file a criminal complaint and the law of natural justice gives the opportunity to a person to go to the Court, and in most of the cases they have gone to the court. We have seized their equipment. This is what we can do, and this is what we have been doing.

SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: I have this problem. Then, it is going to be another case of disputed claims. Yesterday, I was talking about Rs. One lakh crores of disputed taxes. Again it will be disputed. There will be some FIRs; some fellow will be penalised, some middlemen, and the actual front man will be operating from outside and crores of rupees will be

gone. There will be no actual accountability and the nation will be losing money on this. What exactly is the way? How can you stop this? How can you recover this money?

SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN: I would like to answer to the Member through you, Sir. The question is related to illegal exchanges which are run in toilets, in small rooms, etc. We can only take actions on that. If the Member has information which he can share with us or with the Department...*(Interruptions)*...Please wait....*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: I have this information before me that Rs.45 lakh have been lost. How are you going to recover it? This is the question. ...*(Interruptions)*... Rupees 45 lakhs have been lost. How are you going to recover it? ...*(Interruptions)*... Please tell me.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Next question, Shri Sanjay Nirupam.

Incentives for workers in ARIs

*134. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given/planned any incentives for the workers in agro and rural industries;

(b) whether Government have released the funds for the ruining industries to activate for the benefit of the workers who have lost their jobs; and

(c) if so, the details regarding the incentives and funds released for and the list of action plan taken about?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) to (c) A Statement is placed on the Table of the Sabha.

Statement

(a) to (c) Under the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) of the Government, being implemented through the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), entrepreneurs can establish agro and rural